THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) An "Expert Committee to formulate Energy Policy" was constituted on 12th August, 2004 under the Chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission. The Committee has met twice on 26th August and 17th September, 2004. The Expert Committee is expected to submit its report within six months from the date of its constitution.

Missing of files relating to PMGSY

†2165. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an important file regarding the allocation of an amount of Rs. 2500 crores in the year 2000-01 and afterwards under the head "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana" is missing which contains important Cabinet notes and letters on cross questioning to Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the full details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry in this respect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when an inquiry would be conducted by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) A file containing correspondence relating to allocation to States under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana was misplaced. The file has been reconstructed by obtaining relevant documents from concerned Ministries and Planning Commission.

(c)and (d) An administrative inquiry into the misplacement of the file found that it was caused by lack of awareness and knowledge of general Office Procedures and suggested corrective measures which includes exposure of officials to Office Practices, Procedures and Maintenance of Systems.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.